

REMARKS

Amendments

The present patent application claims priority to PCT patent application PCT/US04/11576 and US provisional patent application 60/463,465. The Specification has been amended to reference the international patent application and US priority document.

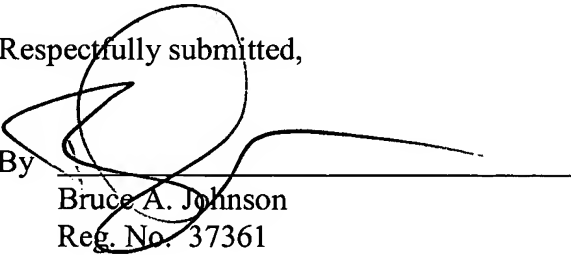
Claims 21-51 have been canceled to eliminate the requirement for excess claims fees

Reference to Government Contract

This invention was developed under a Cooperative Agreement with the US Department of Energy, Cooperative Agreement No. DE-FC26-98FT40320, Task 7.1, entitled "Base Research Program," and, thus, the government may have certain rights in the invention.

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